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1. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH
MET JANUARY 27 AT THE UN COMPOUND NEAR THE NICOSIA INTER-
NATIONAL AIRPORT. MEETING, WHICH BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER 1100
LOCAL, LASTED OVER THREE HOURS AND INCLUDED LUNCH. THIS IS
THE FIRST TIME THE TWO LEADERS HAVE MET SINCE 1963 WHEN
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DENKTASH WAS PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH COMMUNAL CHAMBER.
GREEK CYPRIOT RADIO BROADCAST 1600 LOCAL INDICATED
ARCHBISHOP HAS CALLED JOINT MEETING OF CABINET
OF MINISTERS AND NATIONAL COUNCIL TO DISCUSS HIS MEETING WITH
DENKTASH. AFP REPORTED THAT IN SHORT STATEMENT
AFTER MEETING MAKARIOS SAID THAT "SERIOUS DIFFERENCES
REMAINED" BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. DENKTASH HAD UPBEAT

INFORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE SHORTLY AFTER MEETING (TEXT BY SEPTTEL).

2. NEWS OF IMPENDING MEETING BROKE SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE IT TOOK PLACE WITH FIRST REPORT FROM ATHENS RADIO LATE EVENING JAN 26. GREEK CYPRIOT MORNING PRESS JANUARY 27 CARRIED REPORTS THAT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE ON NEUTRAL UN TERRITORY LATER IN THE DAY. ONLY PRO-SAMPSON MAKHI APPEARED WITHOUT STORY. CONSERVATIVE AGHON WAS ONLY PAPER ABLE TO HEADLINE THE LATE-BREAKING STORY; OTHER DAILIES WORKED IT INTO "STOP PRESS" BOX ON BACK PAGE. GOC-CONTROLLED CBC RADIO AT 0830 LOCAL INTERRUPTED BROADCAST TO CONFIRM THAT MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE.

3. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS WERE BASED ON ATHENS NEWS AGENCY STORY FILED IN STRASBOURG AND SOURCED TO TURKISH JOURNALISTS COVERING COUNCIL OF EUROPE MINISTERIAL MEETING. BBC WORLD SERVICE MONITORED HERE ALSO HAD STORY EARLY MORNING JANUARY 27.

4. WE UNDERSTAND MAKARIOS WILL NOT BE MAKING A FORMAL STATEMENT TO PRESS JAN 27, BUT WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THAT HE IS MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL PRESS EXCLUSIVELY (NO FOREIGNERS, OFFICIAL OR OTHERWISE, ALLOWED) FOR INFORMAL BACKGROUNDER AT 1800 LOCAL. WE WILL REPORT GOC REACTIONS AND UN COMMENTS ON MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETING AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

5. SINCE DRAFTING ABOVE, TURKISH EMBASSY HAS GIVEN US OFFICIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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TEXT OF A DENKTASH RESPONSE TO JOURNALIST'S QUESTION PUT TO HIM PRIOR TO THE MEETING. EXCHANGE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

QUESTION: DOES THIS MEAN THAT FOLLOWING YOUR MEETING WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS THE TALKS WILL BE CONTINUED BETWEEN THE TWO INTERCOMMUNAL INTERLOCUTORS, MR. UMIT SULEYMAN ONAN AND MR. TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS?

DENKTASH: AND OTHERS. TALKS CAN BE AT OTHER LEVELS TOO. CRAWFORD

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